

52, Parliament Street,

S. W.

6th Mo 13th 1877

Dear Honoured Friend

⁹⁶ Please pardon me
for addressing you for your
name has been honoured by
me for many years. I have
all my life been interested
in the negro race and in
all the oppressed races and
have honoured you as their
friend. In company with
my late friend Washington
Wilks I travelled and addressed
publicly as an honorary

deputation from the Union
and Emancipation Society.

It was at the close of a
lecture of mine that the
following resolution in England
was passed congratulating
President Lincoln on his
second election and I was
on the celebratory occasion
loudly urged to keep
Governor Eyre to trial for
unnecessary severity to the
Negro. I write now not
only to express my joy at
your again visiting our

Country but to say a few
words respecting the late
spot in the Good Templar
Order on the Reproduction
When I joined the Order
I supposed it was open
everywhere to all races
As soon as I learned that
the negroes were excluded
in several States I supported
such action as would secure
equal rights. Failing to secure
this our representatives broke
off and I endorsed their action
unfortunately I never saw

good men partly misled
by the Southerners and
having some suspicion that
they are leaders and some
other matter than the one
stated I am given over to
the old body. I fear that
something must be given you
that is true. I therefore beg
you to accept a very much
report of the Conference so
that you may see what could
be said on both sides.
I also send you a
copy of the Walworth

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Our organ and of the
Temple the organ of the
old book. Our order in
England is under Joseph
Makers and the order (which
I call the old book) is under
Salem. You will see that
the Temple teaches the people
that the Americans North
and South can always be
the devoted friends of the
Negro. This kind of
teaching can afford

a number of people
who do not know the
true history yet our
Masonic Testimonies
contains about as many
members as the other have
got in the England

With my kind regards

I am yours

Respectfully Yours

John Stillin



